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SUBJECT: RHODESIA SANCTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 6

1. SANCTIONS COMMITTEE APRIL 6 CONDUCTED SECOND IN
SERIES OF FOUR MEETINGS DIRECTED TO SPECIFIC CASES.
OF NOTE:

(A) PROOF OF ORIGIN:

REGARDING A SERIES OF CASES INVOLVING MINERAL EXPORTS
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FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA ALLEGED TO BE OF RHODESIAN ORIGIN,
COMMITTEE WRESTLED CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH PROBLEM OF
INADEQUACY OF EXISTING DOCUMENTATION (CERTIFICATES OF
ORIGIN, ETC). COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY APPOINTED WORKING
GROUP TO UPDATE ITS GUIDANCE MANUAL TO GOVERNMENTS ON
ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION. PENDING COMPLETION OF THAT
PROJECT, COMMITTEE AGREED TO SEND NOTE TO ALL UN MEMBER

GOVERNMENTS REMINDING THEM OF SUSPECT NATURE OF MUCH DOCUMENTATION ALLEGING NON-RHODESIAN ORIGIN OF EXPORTS. COMMITTEE ADOPTED US SUGGESTION THAT IT CONTACT INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR AN OPINION ON THE VALIDITY OF EXPORT DOCUMENTATION FROM SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. US AND UK REPS DESCRIBED CURRENT CAPABILITIES OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS IN TECHNICAL ANALYSES OF CERTAIN MINERAL AND TOBACCO EXPORTS TO DETERMINE ORIGIN. COMMITTEE AGREED TO REQUEST COOPERATION OF ALL UN MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IN SHARING METHODOLOGIES INVOLVED IN TECHNICAL ANALYSES TO DETERMINE ORIGIN OF EXPORTS SUSPECTED TO BE FROM RHODESIA.

(B) CASE 275: TRAVEL TO RHODESIA BY US TOURISTS:

USSR REP NOTED US POSITION IN THIS CASE THAT US CONSTITUTION PROHIBITED RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL OF US CITIZENS TO RHODESIA. HE ASKED WHAT US WAS DOING TO AT LEAST DISCOURAGE TRAVEL BY US CITIZENS TO RHODESIA. US REP ANSWERED THAT COUNSEL OF USG TO ANY US CITIZEN CONTEMPLATING TOURIST TRIP TO RHODESIA WAS, WHILE ASSURING CITIZEN OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO GO, TO EXPLAIN US POLICY TOWARD RHODESIA AND RHODESIA SANCTIONS IN EFFORT TO DISCOURAGE TRIP. CITIZENS WERE ALSO REMINDED OF POSSIBLE PHYSICAL DANGERS PRESENT AND US INABILITY TO PROVIDE PROTECTIVE SERVICES. USSR REP
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CHALLENGED US CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION, REMINDING US REP OF PREVIOUS USG RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL BY ITS CITIZENS TO VIETNAM AND CUBA. US REP THEN RECOUNTED HISTORY OF SUCCESSFUL CHALLENGES TO THOSE RESTRICTIONS MADE BY AMERICAN PEACE ACTIVISTS OVER THE LAST DECADE AND DECISIONS MADE BY CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO REAFFIRM FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS. AFTER FURTHER HELPFUL INTERVENTIONS BY UK AND FRANCE, COMMITTEE AGREED TO CLOSE CASE.

(C) CASE INGO-17: TIGHTENED OIL SANCTIONS:

THIS POTENTIAL POWDER-KEG NEVER REALLY GOT LIT. AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION AND ALLUSIONS TO COMMITTEE'S PREVIOUS INABILITY TO REACH A DECISION ON OIL SANCTIONS, COMMITTEE AGREED TO LET CASE REMAIN OPEN PENDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. LEONARD

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